

5,919,234

Patent Attorney Docket No: MP-00101.P.1.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
 )  
 Cohen et al. )  
 )  
 Application Number: 09/733,287 )  
 )  
 Filed: December 8, 2000 )  
 )  
 For: COMPLETELY RESTORABLE )  
 CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISTRACTION )  
 DEVICES AND TECHNIQUES )  
 \_\_\_\_\_ )

Examiner: Manahan, Todd E..

Group Art Unit: 3732

#8  
 Ex 4 Time (5)  
 A. Buysse  
 RECEIVED  
 MAY -6 2003  
 TC 2800 MAIL ROOM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a Response in the above identified application. The requested extension is for five months under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) for a small entity is \$985.00. A check in that amount is enclosed herewith.

- No reference numerals

04/30/2003 SDIRETA1 00000108 09733187  
 01 FC:1255 985.00 DP


Adjustment date: 05/01/2003 SDIRETA1  
 04/30/2003 SDIRETA1 00000108 09733187  
 01 FC:1255 -985.00 DP

05/01/2003 SDIRETA1 00000029 09733207  
 01 FC:2255 985.00 DP

Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to **Deposit Account 501321** in the name of David R. Preston & Associates having **Customer Number 24232**.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 23, 2003

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Preston', written over a horizontal line.

David R. Preston  
Registration No. 38,710

David R. Preston & Associates, APC  
12625 High Bluff Drive  
Suite 205  
San Diego, California 92130

phone: 858.724.0375  
facsimile: 858.724.0384